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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

4. (Amended-Clean Text) The information supply system according to Claim 1, wherein said specified information is investment information including a theoretical value, an ups and downs rate, ROE, EPS, PER and PBR used to judge a bankruptcy probability and appropriateness of a stock price.





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4. (Amended) The information supply system according to [any one of Claims] Claim 1, wherein said specified information is investment information including a theoretical value, an ups and downs rate, ROE, EPS, PER and PBR used to judge a bankruptcy probability and appropriateness of a stock price.

8. (Amended) The information supply system according to [any one of Claims] Claim 5, wherein said means for providing numeric values calculates a deviation value obtained from said standard deviation.

12. (Amended) The information supply system according to [any one of Claims] Claim 9, wherein said step for ranking ranks information from a weighted mean values using a standard deviation obtained in relation with said specified information and said weighting.

13. (Amended) The information supply system according to [any one of Claims] Claim 9, wherein said step for providing numerical values calculates a deviation value obtained from said standard deviation.

17. (Amended) The information supply system according to [any one of Claims] Claim 14, wherein said step for ranking ranks information from a weighted mean values using a standard deviation obtained in relation with said specified information and said weighting.